--- 20 Cigarettes - “Rothman Tobacco”, Toronto - [12-50E] - 1957-60 ---

In 1956 “Rothman Tobacco” came to Canada from England, and opened a modern factory at Toronto in 1957. Towards the end of the same year in the United Kingdom the “Rothman Group” acquired voting control of “Carreras Limited” which held majority voting shares of “Rock City Tobacco”, Quebec City. The Rothman readable date coding begins with a three digit weekly cancellation in December 1957.

In the Rothman *weekly* three digit code the *first two numbers* give ***the week*** of the year, and *the last digit* provides ***the year***. In 1968-69 the numbers were in heavy 4½ mm. Gothic without the company code but early in 1960 a 2 mm. company code [12-50E] was added at the top and the number was printed in thin 4 mm. Gothic figures.

★**RC-386** - 20 cigarettes, imperf, coded **498** by “Rothman Tobacco” in the 49th week of 1958

---the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 8 copies to date from 1958 ---

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1957	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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	---	---	117	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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1958	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	318	---	---	448	498
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	328	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	298	---	388	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	398	---	478	---
			138		---			---			---	
1959	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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★**RC-386** - 20 cigarettes, imperf, coded **12-50E / 380** by "Rothman Tobacco" in the 38th week of 1960

---the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 5 copies to date from 1960 ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	---	---	---	---	---	---	270	---	---	400	440	490
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	380	420	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	430	---	---
			---		---			---			480	

coded **12-50E / 141 -** [14th week of 1961] coded **12-50E / 171 -** [17th week of 1961] coded **12-50E / 231 -** [23rd week of 1961]

---the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 15 copies to date from 1961 ---

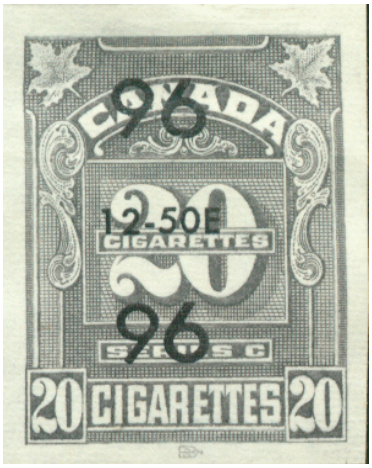
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	011	---	091	141	---	231	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	281	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	381	---	---	---
	041	081	121	171	---	261	---	341	---	---	---	---
			---		221			---			---	

To date I have not located any examples cancelled in the above format with red ink, and none in black ink after **381** for the 38th week of 1961. The sequence possibly runs to December 1961 at **521**, although a new Budget may have changed the coding in mid-stream. I have begun the following *monthly* series as if started at **11** in January 1962.

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Rothman of Pall Mall”, Toronto - [12-50E] - 1962-63 ---

The first series listed for “Rothman / Rock City” [**6-13D**] using a ***single*** two digit date code, has not been found to date on “Rothman of Pall Mall” production.

coded **12-50E / 11 -** 11th week of 1962?



coded **12-50E / 96 -** 44th week of 1963?

---the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 30 copies to date from 1962-69 ---

[★RC-386]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	11	---	13	14	---	---	---	18	19	20	21	22
1963	23	---	25	---	---	28	---	30	---	32	---	---
1964	35	36	---	38	39	40	41	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	---	---	---	75	76	---	78	79	80	81	---
1968	83	84	85	---	---	---	---	---	---	92	93	---
1969	95	96	---	98	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Rothman of Pall Mall”, Toronto - [12-50E] - 1969-74 ---

In 1969, initially using the imperforate twenty cigarette Series “C” stamp “Rothman of Pall Mall” began a new coding system using the doubled 5 mm. date format and central 3 mm. company code [12-50E]. The dating is based on the twelve letter monthly code-word **AMBIDEXTROUS**. In November 1969 the system using 4 mm. date coding continues onto **RC-815** - the “Wings” Series - with the centred but reversed 2 mm. company code [50E-12] not beginning until 1973.

coded **12-50E / X** - from July 1969

---the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 4 copies to date ---

[★RC-386]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1969	---	M	---	---	---	---	X	T	R	---	---	---

★**RC-815** - coded **12-50E / I 9** - April 1969

★**RC-815** - coded **12-50E / B 3** - March 1973

---the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 51 copies to date ---

[★RC-815]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1969	---	---	---	I 9	---	---	---	---	R9	---	U9	---
1970	A7	---	---	---	D7	E7	X7	T7	R7	O7	U7	S7
1971	---	M1	B1	I1	D1	E1	X1	T1	R1	O1	U1	S1
1972	A2	M2	B2	I2	D2	E2	X2	T2	R2	O2	U2	S2
1973	---	---	B3	I3	D3	E3	X3	T3	---	O3	U3	S3
1974	A4	M4	B4	I4	D4	E4	X4	T4	R4	---	---	---

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